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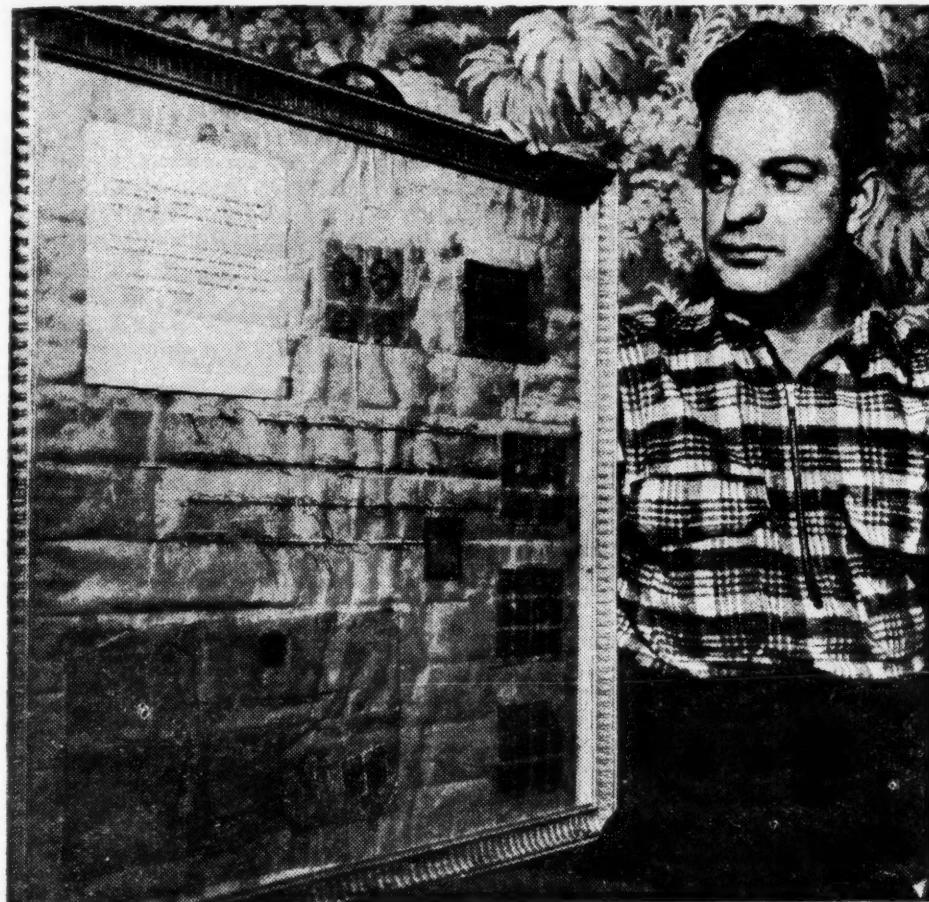
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HPO, FLIGHT CACHETS OFFERED



JUST ABOUT AS RARE AS IT IS BIG. Perhaps you won't remember, but in the November 28, 1949 edition of Linn's on page one, we told you about the letter received by Stanley Radgowski of Scranton, Pa. from the Dalai Lama ruler of remote Tibet. Well, that's it in the frame Stanley is holding, along with the cover it came in, an English translation of the Lama's letter and the blocks of mint stamps sent by the ruler for Radgowski's collection. The letter measures 23 by 27 inches and is written on a primitive rice paper. It also bears the official seal of the Dalai Lama. Radgowski's original request for Tibetan stamps was carried by the Lowell Thomas Scientific Expedition which was granted permission to enter Tibet last year. He made a guest appearance on the popular and well liked "The Stamp Man" program over station WQAN-FM of Scranton. He was the guest of William A. "Pop" Ide who originated the program and has conducted it since its beginning. The above photograph was supplied through the courtesy of Mr. Ide.

Spanish Morocco UPU Series Due February 15; Bolivia's Issued Jan. 6; Mexico, Cuba Plan Sets

Largest series of stamps announced to date for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union will be issued by Spanish Morocco. There will be twelve stamps for regular postage, one for special delivery and none for airmail. If the present schedule of release is kept, all values are to have a first day of issue on February 15. All post offices in the Spanish Zone of Morocco will have the stamps for sale. Total face value of the set amounts to 21 Pesetas which is equivalent to approximately one dollar in United States money.

While there will be more than a million stamps each produced for some of the values, there will be 20,000 each for the 10 Pesetas and 25c special delivery stamp.

It therefore limits the number of complete sets to 20,000 at the most.

Denominations are 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c and 90c. Also 1, 15, 5 and 10 Pesetas, and a 25c for special delivery.

Cuba too has finally decided to join the UPU anniversary celebrants. But it will take the easy way to do it.

An announcement from the Cuban Postal Administration states that the three stamps issued in 1948 as propaganda for the Cuban tobacco industry will be overprinted with suitable

wording marking the UPU commemoration.

According to the Scott Catalog (1950) numbers of the stamps are 387, 388 and 389. Their face values are 1c, 2c and 5c respectively.

A day of issue was not given but inasmuch as it involves only the overprinting of stamps now current not much time should elapse before their appearance.

Rather reliable rumors from Mexico indicate that that nation has a UPU commemorative series in preparation. Information pertaining to the number or value of the stamps was not made known, nor was first day date.

Monaco released its three UPU stamps on December 27. All have

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Inaugurate Three New HPO Routes In Arkansas And Utah; Airmail Begins On AM82 At McCamey, Texas

Additional HPO service for communities in Arkansas and Utah has been announced by the Post Office Department to take place on or about January 23. This is rather short announcement for the many HPO fans to prepare their covers and to get them into the hands of the respective postmasters, the blame resting on the Post Office Department. Collectors who are interested should send their covers at once with the hope that a special consideration will be given them if they arrive on the date of the inauguration of the service, or in the event that the start of the service is postponed several days.

In all there will be three new routes opened up, all covered by privately owned and operated vehicles working under contract with the post office.

Announcement of the routes and of the availability of a cachet to mark the inaugural runs was contained in a release from the Post Office Department which read:

"The Post Office Department announced that privately owned and operated Highway Post Office Service will be inaugurated between the following points on January 23, or shortly thereafter:

Berryville and Little Rock, Arkansas

Little Rock and Fort Smith, Arkansas

Salt Lake City and Richfield, Utah

"Special first-trip cachets and cancellation stamps will be provided for each post office. Collectors desiring 1st-trip cancellations should send their covers properly prepared to the postmaster at terminal cities of each route from which first-trip cancellations are desired. A clear space not less than 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for the application of the cachets."

"On each trip the initial trip between the first-named and last-named city will be designated as "Trip 1", and the initial trip in the opposite direction will be designated "Trip 2".

"Covers for first-trip cancellations should be sent under cover, or wrapper, to the appropriate postmaster with accompanying letter, or endorsement on wrapper, authorizing the holding of the covers for the first-trip and requesting application of the cachet. There will be no provision made for philatelic handling of covers to or from intermediate post offices along these routes, but at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip, where they will be back-stamped."

"There will also be some action for the collectors of first flight covers. It will occur with the inauguration of service on route AM-82 at McCamey, Texas. The bulletin announcing the beginning of service and the application of a commemorative cachet read as follows:

"The Post Office Department announced that on or about February 3 air mail service will be inaugurated at McCamey, Texas, on Route AM-82.

"A special cachet will be provided for McCamey, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

"First flight air mail covers sent to the Postmaster at McCamey should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. A space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet."

"At the request of collectors, covers originating at McCamey will be backstamped at the termination of the first flight or at an intermediate office designated by the Assistant General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and dispatched to destination."

Artist Shown On Austria's Newest

First day of issue for another stamp in Austria's Famous Men series is to be on January 25. The stamp has been on sale since January 20 but will not become valid for the prepayment of postage until the 25th.



This time one of Austria's better known portrait painters will be honored. He is Moritz Michael Daffinger born in the Vienna suburb of Liechtenthal on January 25, 1790.

The stamp will be red brown in color with a denomination of 60 groschen. Again the team of William Dachauer and Ferdinand Lorber collaborated on the design and the engraving of the issue.

Daffinger began to be well known for his work as a miniature portrait painter by 1812.

Among the numerous portraits he painted were almost all famous men of his period, among them the composers Franz Schubert and Giacomo Rossini, the poets Franz Grillparzer, Ferdinand Raismund and Adalbert Stifter.

Of the numerous miniature portraits he made of the imperial family, those of Emperor Ferdinand I and his wife, as well as of Archduke Franz Joseph are the best known.

In later years Daffinger concentrated on still life and made more than five hundred miniatures of flowers. In later life he also tried his skill in the field of engraving and etching among which works are a self portrait.

His death occurred in Vienna on August 22, 1849, a victim of the cholera epidemic.

The stamp will commemorate the 160th anniversary of his birth.

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According to a news story in the New York Journal American of January 11, 1950 police claim they have made a great step toward the solution of a number of robberies of stamp stores in the New York City area which in total amounted to more than \$500,000.

The police had a day laborer and an expert philatelist in their lineup on that date who were accused as fences.

Continuing, the Journal American stated that with their arrest, police announced they expected to recover \$250,000 worth of a total of \$600,000 in valuable stamps stolen in the past year.

The prisoners are Louis Felkin, 26, of 61-34 80th St., Elmhurst, Queens, and Walter Gamelsky, 29, of 780 Pelham Parkway, Bronx.

Felkin was taken into custody Jan. 11 at a stamp dealer's store in Beaver St., where he allegedly tried to peddle \$10,000 worth of stamps for \$5,000.

The stamps were part of an \$80,000 haul taken from the safe of Bruno Linsker, 240 Broadway, a dealer, in a burglary on Dec. 14.

After the arrests, police recovered the entire loot of the Linsker burglary and then went to a Bronx apartment where they found another \$100,000 in stamps all stolen from various dealers since December, 1948.

All values in the set have been printed and prepared for shipping from the mother country of Denmark of which Greenland is a colony.

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There remain but two stamps yet to be issued in the set, a 45 and a 75 ore. These are expected before summer.

Announce Supplement To Plate Block Album

Pages on which the plate number blocks of the 1949 commemorative stamps can be mounted are now ready for collectors. These are a supplement to the Gimbel Plate Block Album which had been issued for stamps prior to 1949.

A space is provided for a plate block of each of the issues. Pages are made of good grade of white Bristol stock and have a conservative decoration at the head of each. The supplement is sold at 25¢ plus 10¢ shipping charges by Gimbel's Stamp Department, 33rd and Broadway, New York 1, N. Y.

The original album is still available at \$4.00 which includes a set of pages and an imitation leather loose leaf binder. The pages, which fit the standard three ring binder, can be punched separately.

February Meling Of Expert Committee Announced

Collectors who have stamps for the consideration of the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y. must have them in the hands of the committee by January 27.

The meeting at which the stamps will be studied will take place on February 6.

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Cancellation Publicises Olympia Centennial

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It advertises the centennial of the founding of the city and reads, "OLYMPIA CENTENNIAL/MAY 1-7 1950".

Collectors wanting an impression of it on their covers are to do as follows. Place their names and addresses on the envelopes as well as a three cent stamp to prepay the first class postage rate. Add a stuffer to each cover. Send the prepared covers under outside wrapper to the postmaster Olympia, Washington with a request that the slogan cancellation be applied.

Greenland Will Get New Regular Series

Because of the impossibility of getting the new issue of stamps for regular postage to each of the 27 post offices in Greenland before near mid-summer, the first day of the series will not occur until that time.

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Organize Society For Italian Specialists

A Society of Italian Specialists will be formally organized when collectors of Italian stamps in the New York City area meet for the first time Saturday afternoon, January 28. The meeting will be held at the home of Tiberius de Marinis, at 118 E. 73rd Street, New York City. It will start at 2:30 p. m., and will be open to any interested persons.

It is hoped at that time to set up an organizing committee and elect temporary officers. The Society plans to make available, in English, translations of foreign articles on the stamps of Italy, its colonies, war and occupation issues, and the Italian States, including the modern states of Fiume, San Marino and the Vatican.

Eventually, it is hoped to set up a sales circuit to make Italian material more widely available to its collector-members. A nationwide membership will be sought.

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What Shall We Commemorate On Stamps?

There has been much discussion about the number of commemorative stamps that have been issued and about the number that are proposed for issuance. In 1948 we hit the peak with stamps coming so fast that it was difficult for the Department at Washington to get them out and almost as difficult for collectors to keep up with them. As a result of this orgy, some proposals were made by the Department that fewer stamps be issued, that a commission be named to select the events or people to be honored on stamps. It was finally announced that a limit of twelve stamps in the year would be observed but we do not recollect as yet of having seen the list of those people who were to make these selections. In an editorial in the Baltimore Sun of January 10th we note the following: "The year 1948 saw the racket at its peak. The total number of commemoratives was 29, more than two a month and more than twice as many as in the previous year. It seemed as though almost anybody with a little congressional backing could get an authorization." Looking at the 1948 list and those of 1949 it is easy to see that there was no pattern by which choice was made. Most anything had a chance and it is a miracle how after the gates were thrown open, that the flood was so readily stopped.

GEO. W. LINN

When we look at the series of commemoratives starting about 1926 and running on up through the years and compare what we find on those earlier issues with what we can find on 1948 and 1949 issues it should be apparent to anyone that our standards have slipped considerably.

It would appear to us that to commemorate something on a postage stamp was paying an extremely high honor to that person or thing or event. Our postage stamps in earlier years were reserved almost wholly to picture the great American statesmen who helped to make this country great. Men such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln and others whom we will never forget. What we have shown in the past couple years reminds us of roadside billboard advertising in many instances and many of the people or events pictured will be forgotten by all except the stamp collector who has the stamp to remind him.

In other words, it appears that the commemorative racket has turned into a political football. Certainly there is evidence of this and perhaps the reason is due wholly to the men who are selecting the subjects for the stamps. This situation can not be remedied wholly except by a change in this group. At the present time and for some years past it has been a Democratic vehicle and it is not too hard to believe that some of the issues have a political significance. Whether we would get any different results if we had a Republican administration is questionable provided the same or a similarly selected group of men were responsible for picking the stamps.

It would appear to us that if we want to issue commemorative stamps, stamps that really portray the greatness of America, its history, its traditions and its people that we should have a board of men selected from the leaders in Education, Business and Agriculture, men and women who have no political axes to grind, men and women who would think only of portraying the greatness of our country, to select the subjects that are to be shown on these stamps.

A board of this nature, outside the Department and outside of politics would relieve the pressure on the Department and should be a welcome thing for it. It is said that between 400 and 500 requests for stamps are now before the board for selection. Certainly there should be some cut and dried rule that could eliminate a huge proportion of these at once and get our commemorative issues back on a strictly sane line which would result in a much higher quality of material for the subjects chosen.

It Happens Every January First!

When you wrote your first letter this year and started out with the date line as one usually does, the chances are about even that you dated the letter 1949 instead of 1950. We do it several times every January first before we finally get straightened out and get to using the 1950 date as we should and doubtless most other people do the same. It is just a matter of habit and habits are hard things to change.

As a result of habit, we have found out something about advertising that brings replies. You too probably noted that the first January issue of this year was dated January 2, 1949 instead of 1950. Of course this was just an error on the part of our printers who are also only human and who went right on with 1949 instead of changing to 1950 as they should have done.

And of course we noticed it almost as soon as we got the papers from the press, but it was too late to do anything about it then.

Then the fun began for we began receiving letters from readers in all parts of the country who chided us for this error, some friendly, some sarcastic and some serious. It is just a little matter, but it brought us a heap of letters from our readers and shows that the boys do read the paper. Perhaps that might give some bright advertising man an idea that might bring him a lot of letters if he is able to adapt it to his own advertising copy in some form or other.

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On February 1, the Swiss Postal Administration will issue an entirely new series with overprint for the various organizations to which it supplies stamps. These will augment and make complete series now current.

The new overprints will be made on the series issued last August 1, known as the Technical and Scenery issue. It had replaced the previous series for regular postage current since 1936, and which had carried the overprints for the various groups to which the Swiss supplied postage stamps.

Overprints will occur as follows:

Administration stamps for offices of the Swiss Government with "Officiel" overprint.

"ONU" for Nations Unies Office Européen (European Office of the United Nations).

"BIT" for Bureau International du Travail (International Travel Bureau).

"BIE" for Bureau International D'Education (International Bureau for Education).

"OMS" for Organization Mondiale de la Santé (World Health Organization).

"OIR" for Organization Internationale Pour les Refugies (International Refugee Organization).

As long as the stock of the overprints on the 1936 series lasts they will be sold to collectors.

The new overprinted series will be available after February 1.

Collectors wanting more details about the stamps above as well as other Swiss stamps can apply for the prepared lists of the Swiss Philatelic Agency by addressing their requests for information to Philatelic Agency, Direction General of PTT, Bollwerk 8, Berne, Switzerland.

The fee for surface mail to Switzerland is 5c and for airmail 15c.

British Pound Now \$2.20 On Free Market

Apparently, the British Pound has not yet reached the bottom of its devaluation slide.

Recent black market Pounds have again appeared in New York City at approximately \$2.20 each.

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The official rate of the Pound Sterling in terms of Belgian Francs is 140.

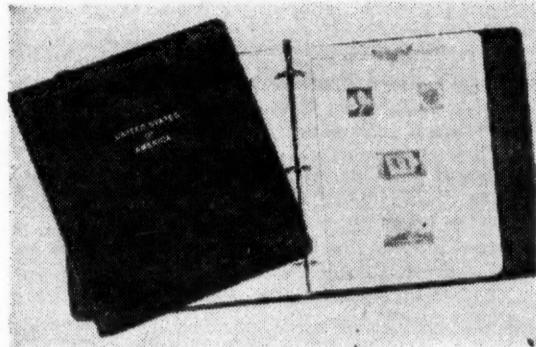
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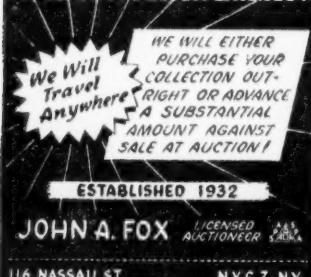
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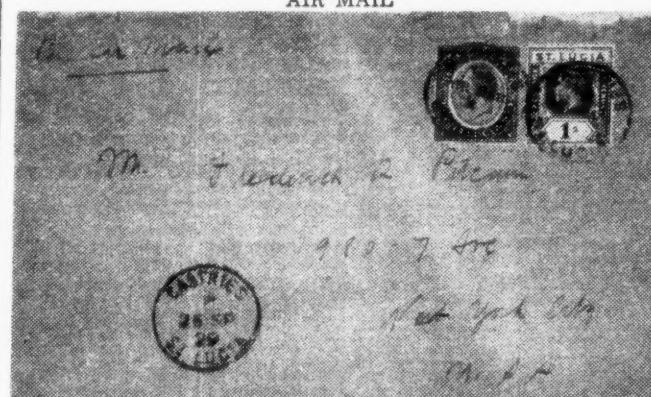
By HENRY M. FRIEDMAN

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ST. LUCIA. Shown herewith is a picture of a St. Lucia cover with a 4 pence and a one shilling stamp. The circular town cancellation was evidently changed and in place of the date, there was inserted

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This interesting and probably rare cover was loaned to this column by the Eleda Stamp Company of 22 Beaver Street, New York, who found same among a large lot of old covers bought by them.

MALAYA - TRENGGANU. A new definite issue for Trengganu was released locally on December 27, 1949. The set is comprised of 15 values as follows: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 40c, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00.

AUSTRALIA. Many values of the 1937/43 set are quite scarce, which of course, makes the complete set of 166 to 180 desirable. Dealers are now willing to pay \$1.00 and more for fine copies of the three pence ultramarine, No. 170, catalogue 50c.

The 10 shilling stamp, No. 179 is also very hard to find at this time. In the July 18th 1949 issue of this paper, this column wrote as follows:

"AUSTRALIA. The 3 pence ultramarine stamp, Scotts No. 170, is a really scarce item and worth full catalogue or more. The present catalogue price of 50c is low considering the available supply."

During July 1949 dealers were offering this 3 pence stamp at around 30c, and the complete set to the Pound from \$7.75 to \$8.25.

NEW ZEALAND. Announcement has been made that a set of 5 stamps will be issued to commemorate the centenary of Canterbury. The values are 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d and one shilling.

HONG KONG. A large lot of the obsolete \$1.00 Hong Kong stamp, Scotts No. 163, were recently sold in New York and dealers are offering same at from 28c to 32c. At this price of less than 1/3 catalogue, this is a good buy as the lot in question will soon be absorbed.

A smaller lot of the obsolete \$5.00 stamp, No. 165, was also sold in New York and is being currently offered by dealers at from \$1.50 to \$2.00. The catalogue price is \$7.50 and this is a good buy at 1/5 to 1/4 catalogue. The small supply will soon be taken up by collectors.

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WORST LOOKING TO DATE OF THE UPU ISSUES is the opinion which a number of collectors have expressed after seeing the stamps produced by Bolivia for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. First day of issue was on January 6, 1950. On the first day cover above are to be seen the three airmails of the set with values of 1.40, 2.50 and 3.30 Bs. They all have the same design consisting of a globe, post horn, and a picture of Bolivia's president Gregorio Pacheco. Printing was a local effort of the firm of La Papelera S. A. of La Paz. The regular postage part of the set has stamps of 1.40 and 4.20Bs. The cover is shown through the courtesy of the Old Quarter Stamp Shop of New Orleans, La.



by CARL P. RUETH

Okay, now you can relax. All the past week you have had to wait breathlessly and impatiently, of course, to see what my choices are for the most attractive stamps issued in 1949!

I give first place to the 25c UPU stamp, which in my opinion had little competition for the top spot. It would have been more of a shoo-in if the color had been of a harder and glossier red, but even in spite of a mediocre coloring job, I like the 25c UPU best of all.

In second place goes the Annapolis, a stamp unusual in design but well executed as to subject matter. It too suffered from a too light a choice of color but the design and engraving are top notch work.

Choice for the third spot is the 10c UPU commem. While not sensational in design, or much better than average in that respect, it seems as if a happy blending of color and design complemented each other to make an attractive issue.

There will hardly be much argument about the poorest choice of color for a stamp, that being a dubious honor won by the 15c UPU.

Least attractive to me was the Po stamp. It seemed to be just a hurriedly put together label without even much merit as far as the engraving was concerned.

The most unnecessary of the issues were the three stamps for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. This commemoration could have been more satisfactorily made and of more participating pleasure to all collectors if for instance the denominations had been 2c, 3c and 5c.

So there you have it. Now how about the rest of you collectors and clubs getting on the ball and sending in your choices for the most attractive stamp of 1949.

Choose your first three and number them in proper order. Clubs should tally the number of votes that each stamp gets for first, second and third and send me the actual vote totals rather than stating that such a stamp was first, this one second and another third.

Next week as a special added attraction I will have the choices of George Linn here for you to check on.

In the meanwhile, put one of each of the stamps on a black piece of paper, spread them out, and then start choosing.

1. Do you know of any commemorative stamps which did not have a figure of value in the design but instead had the denomination spelled out? Name them.

2. What did the Swedish-Finnish Tercentenary issue of 1938 commemorate?

As was to be expected, banks and bankers seized the opportunity of making propaganda with the recently issued Bankers

of invention.

"All Frenchmen who seek to master the air are rejoicing over this 'flock of aeroplanes,' as they call it. Besides they are inspired by a spirit of triumphant patriotism: Germany only builds one dirigible balloon at a time."

"M. Weiller himself announced that he had ordered the half hundred airships. He said it is convinced that the Wright Brothers will be able to carry out the contract recently signed by Wilbur Wright and himself as representative of a syndicate. These conditions require the American inventor to make two flights of fifty kilometers each (thirty one miles) in a moderate wind, the machine to carry two persons, or an equivalent weight, and sufficient gasoline to allow a flight of 200 kilometers (124 miles). On the accomplishment of these conditions the syndicate will pay \$100,000 to the Wright Brothers and secure from them the sole right to construct the Wright type of aeroplane in France and her colonies. So the ordering of fifty aeroplanes proves Weiller's supreme confidence."

"Wilbur Wright secured the Aero Club's prize of \$1000 for the longest distance flown by aviation in the month of September. The time limit expires at midnight tonight (Oct. 1, 1908). As was expected, Wright's flight of September 21 stood as the record unless he, himself, should beat it. On that flight the official distance, as measured by the dimensions of the track around which he flew, was 60.50 kilometers (about 39 miles). He remained in the air an actual time of 31 minutes and 51 seconds, and it was calculated he covered an actual distance of 98 kilometers (61 miles)."

stamp. Some of it was good too! A fine example is the letter president of the United Savings Bank of Detroit Bill Slocum sent to personal friends and friends of the bank. He used the ABA commem for postage and wrote in his letter:

"There's just a remote possibility that you're a philatelist which is a Harvard word for stamp collector"....in conclusion, he stated "My only thought sending this mailing to you is to remind you of a serious fact or two about the banking business—and to caution you against ever saying again that you never got something for nothing from a banker."

Mrs. Constance S. Hildebrandt of Lakewood, Ohio reports that she has in her collection a block of 15 of the Smithsonian Institute commem of 1946 printed on double paper.

It consists of the three top rows of upper right pane with the plate number 23464.

Mrs. Hildebrandt states that the back of the second piece of paper does not have gum such as the other stamps have.

Double paper occurs when the start of a new roll of paper is attached to the tail end of the previous roll by overlapping and pasting them together. It also happens when the paper breaks during the printing process and has to be repaired in the same way.

Generally, the inspectors eliminate all such material, but occasionally some slips through. It isn't especially valuable, but is considered an interesting freak of the printing process.

A number of collectors each year take advantage of the opportunity of having one of the Christmas Seals tied to cover with a postmark. That way they make a collection of seals on cover by the cancellation.

It is only during the month of December each year that the Post Office Department relaxes its strict rule that the TB Seals can appear on the face of the envelope.

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Apparently our government has discontinued printing any more of these due to the continual vigilance necessary in detecting inverts and other errors which occur.

In the Pan-American series we had inverts on the 1c and 2c issues. We also had inverts in the 4c, but as is generally known, the 4c is tainted by the fact that it was more on the favor side. Nevertheless, insofar as plate number collectors are concerned, when a bi-colored issue is collected, then we have to contend with two plate numbers instead of one.

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Clarifying still further, it is the center plate numbers that appear just once on a full sheet of the Pan-American issues, whereas the frame numbers show four times on the full sheet, which were then bi-sected horizontally into upper and lower panes of 100 each.

In order to properly identify all four positions, it was necessary to collect margin strips of 5 or margin blocks of 10 showing both the imprint and plate number besides position arrow and markers; therefore, a top right position would show the arrow and position markers to the left of the imprint; the top left position would show the arrow and markers to the right of the imprint and plate number; the bottom right position show the arrow and markers to the left of the imprint; and the bottom left positions show the arrow and marker to the right of the imprint, and in this case, the two plate numbers. In all instances the plate numbers are to the right of the imprint.

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It is quite likely this type will be dubbed the NARROW WIDES of New York. The copy shown was the 2c Presidential.

Before going completely off the deep end we recognize the fact that this could be a spacing error on only part of the plate of one of the new replacement plates or one that was extensively repaired. However this must be discounted for several reasons and until proved otherwise must be considered a new bureau plate and type.

Note all your incoming New York bureaus especially those on current mail and look closely at the N and Y. If they are farther apart than usual you have one of the new types. Being from New York some of them won't be too scarce but if this is to replace the New York plates there will be some values that are likely to be mighty scarce especially on those odd values like the 19c and the like.

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21 ⚡ 1895-277-52c fine used copy	30.00	97 ⚡ 1902-12-1c, 1c, 50c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, 100c, 110c, 120c, 130c, 140c, 150c, 160c, 170c, 180c, 190c, 200c, 210c, 220c, 230c, 240c, 250c, 260c, 270c, 280c, 290c, 300c, 310c, 320c, 330c, 340c, 350c, 360c, 370c, 380c, 390c, 400c, 410c, 420c, 430c, 440c, 450c, 460c, 470c, 480c, 490c, 500c, 510c, 520c, 530c, 540c, 550c, 560c, 570c, 580c, 590c, 600c, 610c, 620c, 630c, 640c, 650c, 660c, 670c, 680c, 690c, 700c, 710c, 720c, 730c, 740c, 750c, 760c, 770c, 780c, 790c, 800c, 810c, 820c, 830c, 840c, 850c, 860c, 870c, 880c, 890c, 900c, 910c, 920c, 930c, 940c, 950c, 960c, 970c, 980c, 990c, 1000c, 1010c, 1020c, 1030c, 1040c, 1050c, 1060c, 1070c, 1080c, 1090c, 1100c, 1110c, 1120c, 1130c, 1140c, 1150c, 1160c, 1170c, 1180c, 1190c, 1200c, 1210c, 1220c, 1230c, 1240c, 1250c, 1260c, 1270c, 1280c, 1290c, 1300c, 1310c, 1320c, 1330c, 1340c, 1350c, 1360c, 1370c, 1380c, 1390c, 1400c, 1410c, 1420c, 1430c, 1440c, 1450c, 1460c, 1470c, 1480c, 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